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1. The new construction project called Air Force Ministry (Vosdukh Flotsskaya) was located in the southern sector of Kiev (50-27N, 30-32E), Ukrainian SSR, about 200 meters east of the highway leading to the Kiev-South airfield, about 2 km from the southern perimeter of the city.

The project, work on which was started in 1948, consisted of two four-story steel and masonry buildings about 20 meters apart, each of them 50 x 120 meters. The slightly slanting roof was covered with grey asbestos shingles. The ceilings of the second and third floors consisted of a layer of wooden beams covered with bricks, on top of which was a layer of concrete 5 to 8 cm thick. The ceiling on the fourth floor had a layer of reinforced-concrete exactly 50 cm thick and reinforced by T-girders. The basements, which were not especially reinforced, were used for the storage of files. Each building had four large halls and medium and small rooms.

The framework of the buildings was completed in March 1950. The buildings were scheduled to be completed by 7 November 1950.

According to a Soviet electrical engineer, some sort of air force technical school for the training of technical personnel to be used for the servicing of jet aircraft is to be housed in these buildings.

Attachment: Sketch of Soviet Air Force buildings in Kiev.

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